

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend or add the paragraphs starting on these lines as follows:

Page 4, line 6 (as amended December 9, 2008), please amend as follows:

· if the mode has been determined as being the permanent mode, then the ~~sliding~~  
~~mean variation per unit time~~ moving average of the gear ratio over a period of a plurality of unit  
time intervals lies between a first threshold value that is negative and a second threshold value  
that is positive; and

Page 4, line 11 (as amended December 9, 2008), please amend as follows:

· if the mode has been determined as being the transient mode, then said ~~sliding~~  
~~mean variation per unit time~~ moving average of the gear ratio lies outside the range of values  
defined by the first and second threshold value.

Page 9, line 11 (as amended December 9, 2008), please amend as follows:

· if the mode has been determined as being the permanent mode, then the ~~sliding mean~~  
~~variation per unit time~~ moving average L' of the gear ratio L over a period T of a plurality of unit

time intervals  $t_1$  lies between a first threshold value  $S_1$  that is negative and a second threshold value  $S_2$  that is positive; and

Page 9, line 17 (as amended December 9, 2008), please amend as follows:

· if the mode has been determined as being the transient mode, then said ~~sliding-mean variation per unit time-moving average~~  $L'$  of the gear ratio  $L$  lies outside the range of values defined by the first and second threshold values  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ .